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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97, the Applicant takes this opportunity to call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office documents that may be material to the prosecution of this application. The documents the Applicant believes are material are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This paper is being submitted before the issuance of any first substantive Office Action for this application. Accordingly, it is not believed any fees are due in order to ensure consideration of the cited documents.

Two of the documents to which the Applicant directs the Examiner's attention is an article by Winner and a portion of an IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin. These documents were cited in the International Search Report for the Patent Cooperation Treaty application upon which this application is based. According to the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 the Office issued for this application, copies of these documents along with the

Search Report have already been provided to the Office. Accordingly, the Applicant does not now provide duplicate copies. If, however, the Examiner's file for this application does not contain copies of these documents, a call to the undersigned attorney will result in the prompt delivery of replacement copies.

The third document the Applicant now calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is U. S. Patent No. 5 428 724. The Applicant became aware of this document because it was cited in a Search Report issued by The British Patent Office for the underlying British patent application. A copy of the Search Report under which this document was cited is enclosed.

The Applicant notes that each of the cited documents was cited by the authority that developed it as only being of A-Level significance. Further commentary regarding the relevancy of the cited documents is not believed necessary at this time.

Respectfully submitted,


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